

FREE SILVER.

It is Claimed a Demand for It Will be Made on the Republican Party.

A Correspondent of a Minneapolis Paper Claims to Have Unearthed a New Political Movement.

Last week the Gary (S. D.) correspondent of the Minneapolis Journal wired as follows:

It would scarcely be expected that information revealing a great national conspiracy to rule or ruin the republican party should be found in this unimportant village. Nevertheless, my information is so direct and the source so authentic, that I have no doubt of the truth of which I have to tell. My informant is a gentleman of veracity who is acting as amenuensis of one of the leaders of the movement, and I have long known him to be reliable. In short, then, the story he tells is this:

"For several months an understanding has existed among the leading silver men of the United States that an emphatic demand shall be made that the republican platform of 1896 shall contain an unequivocal declaration in favor of unqualified free coinage of silver and that in the event of failure of the republicans so to declare, a new party movement shall forthwith be sprung with a two plank platform declaring simply for protection and free coinage. The management of the movement is largely in the hands of Senators Jones, Stewart and Pettigrew, and they are looking to Senator Cameron as presidential candidate in the event of the birth of the new party. The results of the recent election have given the leaders renewed confidence, as they now believe they will be able to absorb the remnants of the populists and secure through the protective plank the adhesion of the labor vote of east.

"Thus they hope to centralize the entire free silver strength and much of the labor vote of the country. My informant is positive in the declaration that the republican party will be forced to either adopt the silver plank or be destroyed, and this intention to rule or ruin is a fundamental tenet of the movement, and it is even said that Senator Cameron has already consented to head the revolt."

DICK WAS A "STEERER."

He Deceyed Cattle in The Chicago Yards to Death.

Dick is dead. He died last week. People, strangers and residents of Chicago who have visited Armour's packing house to see how cattle and hogs are killed never left the place without seeing one of the greatest confidence players

and swindlers that the sun ever shone on. This prince of deceivers was a mammoth brown steer known as Dick and whose companion, Phil, still carries on the swindling business at the old stand.

Dick had been carefully trained in the business. Western cattle when unloaded are unusually wild. It was the business of Dick to mix with the drove of cattle for a moment and then lead them toward the cattle killing beds. At the gates leading into the "beds" Dick's business was to turn sharply and as if accidentally to one side and let the unruly western cattle run into the pens, from which they would be taken to be killed. Dick would then return to his old stand and wait for the next consignment. Of late, however, Dick has been lazy. He performed his duties in a slovenly fashion and prodding would not make him hurry. When killing began one night at midnight last week, he, too, was driven into the pen into which he had led many and was killed.

A COCKROACH TRAP.

A Simple Device by Which the Insects May Be Captured.

The cockroach is one of the torments of the housewife, for which there seems to be no permanent cure. They are like ants. You may rid yourself of them for a time, but back they come as soon as you have ceased to be vigilant. The cockroach hides himself in the daytime, and comes out only at night. It will not come then if there is a light in the room, for it detests light. About the best way to get rid of them is to have, for each room infested a large tin pan, smooth and shining and with high sides. In the bottom of this pan put some bits of cake or pie, or smear the bottom with molasses.

Set it where the roaches are most troublesome and lay a bit of lath from the table to the floor to the edge of the pan.

The roaches are fond of sweets and they will run up the lath to the pan, into which they tumble, and are then unable to climb up the smooth sides. When you rise in the morning cremate the catch, and keep it up till none are left. Be sure the sides of the pan are perpendicular and deep, for they can climb a short distance. Old lard cans are excellent for this purpose, and old tin buckets, but they must not be rusty, as the roaches can then climb up and get away. Several women have cleared their houses of roaches in this way. It takes time and patience, but when you are once rid of them you can keep rid of them by this method.—Washington Star.

Voracious Spiders.

Sir John Lubbock caught a large garden spider, weighed it very carefully and then closely observed its eating habits and the amount of food the creature consumed in a given time. He sums the whole as follows:

At a similar rate of consumption a man weighing 160 pounds would require a whole fat steer for breakfast, a steer and five sheep for dinner, and for supper two bullocks, eight sheep and four hogs. This would hardly suffice for twenty-four hours, so just before retiring he would call for and consume nearly four barrels of fresh fish.

Santa Fe Directors Meet.

On the 19th inst. at New York the directors of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad met and elected a reorganization committee with power to act.

The committee consists of E. B. Cheney, Jr., Thomas P. Fowler, W. L. Bull, George A. Nickerson and E. J. Berwynd. The committee will at once set out to make a plan of reorganization and will continue until the final details are worked out.

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